

THE
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THE RENOWNED HI-
storie of *Fragosa* King
of *Aragon*.

Together with the strange fortunes and
heroycall deedes performed by his three
Sonnes, and the worthy president of
Loue in his faire daughter
F L E R M I A.

Right pleasant for the aged to drlue away Melan-
choly thoughts, and profitable for the young
to behold the often variacions
of the fickle World.

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Famous and Renowned Historie of *Fragosa*,
and his three Sonnes.

CHAP. I.

How *Fragosa* King of Aragon fell sicke, and of his Will
and bequests to his three sonnes, *Donuallo*, *Dorosa*,
and *Pleudippo*, and to his louely daughter *Flermia*.



There reigned sometimes
in the renowned Coun-
try of Aragon a King cal-
led *Fragosa*, whose the
exquisite qualities wher-
with the Graces had en-
dowed his excellencie, was
rightly reputed the onely
mirrour of that Age. Cour-
teous he was, with that
gentle *Troiane*, desiring
to be such a King to others, as he would wish were him-
selfe a subject: a mercifull *Lycurgus*, pardoning offences
acted against his person, yet an austere *Caro*, in cor-
recting vices. A warlike *Scipio*, daunting the courage of
his enemies, and a politicke *Nestor*, by long experience
and knowledge of ciuill gouernement: yea, and to make
him a perfect patterne of all perfections, Nature had adoz-
ned him with such an *Augustus-like* Maiestie in his
countenance, as inwardly pierced the exterior eyes of all

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of worth, surpassing that of Vliſſes, when he was caſt out of the boſome of Neptune, into the dominion of Alcinous: or equall with that of the moſt martiall Marius, ſeruiſing the proudeſt Cymbrian that durſt enterpriſe any trecherie againſt the worthineſſe of his perſon: yea, and to conclude, ſuch was the fame of his valour, the report of his granty, his honourable poſt of his Gaſſie, his courteſie towards his ſubiects, & bounty towards his friends, that it is doubtfull whether he was more feared for his valiance, loued for his kindneſſe and liberality, or honoured of all for his due adminiſtration of Juſtice & Equity.

But as Time ſetteth a perſon of all things, ſo the griſly meſſenger, aduunſing this Aragonian Heir, he was by long ſickneſſe brought to that poſt where he did but only attend his paſſage to the Chriſtian Empe. Wherefore calling his children, who being come before his eyes, in the preſence of diuers of his Nobles, leaning his head on his hand, and breathing out a vehement ſigh, looking vpon his eldeſt Sonne, he began to utter theſe dolefull ſpeeches. Dære Sonne, thou ſeeſt the wannneſſe of my face is a ſhadow of my inſuing end, and my gaſſie looke a figure of my inſtant woes. My Graſſe is waſted, my Grapes gathered, I haue nothing left but the ſkin of my fleſh, and one onely blaſt of all my life: Nature chalengeſh her due, and to thee muſt I leaue my Crowne by ſucceſſion, to thee I ſay, Donuall, muſt I leaue my Diadem, & all the princely reuenues of this thrice renowned country of Aragon. Thou being the eldeſt, and therefore moſt worthy by birth, hauing from thy youth bene trayned by in Vertue, and ſo much the fitter to gouerne: if thou thinkeſt my Sonne, to enioy thy Fathers poſſeſſions, let his ſozmer bettes be a Mirrour for thy actions: if thou haue his Crowne and dignity, doe not by cruelty obſcure his kindneſſe and piety. Exercise authority in the behalfe of others, but be willing to pardon things perſormed againſt thy perſon. Contemne not thy inferiours, neither be thou proud of thy high eſtate,

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for I tell thee my ſon, the leſty Pine is ouerthrowen with the tempeſt, when the low ſhrub is ſafe in the valley: the greateſt ſeas are toſt with the blaſts of Celas, when the ſmall riuers regard not his rage, and great things are by Enuy oft caſt out of their Countries, when the mean ſubiects liue ſecure in their patrimonies.

Behold my Sonne, the mappe of my yeares is portrayed on my wrinkled lineaments, and in the number of my dayes is regiſtred the wilie pranks of neuer conſtant fortune. Harken then Donuall, vnto him that is in the winter of his life, leſt thou miſking this yacke of thy youth, downeſt in the ſeas of aduerſity in time of thy ſcroly age. Be carefull for the renowne of thy perſon, and preſeruati- on of thy ſubiects: Be courteous toward them, but not too familiar, nimium familiaritatis contemptu parat: be merry but not immodest: be chary of thy ſpeech, but not tongue-tyed: heare much, but ſpeake little: be valiant in armes, but not deſperate in actions: extreme is raſhneſſe, omne nimium vertitur in vitium: follow the counſell and grane aduiſe of thy Elders, eſpecially theſe here preſent, which haue bin to thy father followers in proſperity, faithfull in aduerſity, and in both dutifull and louing ſubiects: be not ſo ſuſpicious to miſtruſt them without cauſe, nor ſo light to credit others without prouer: firſt try, and then truſt, let time be thy touchſtone, and firſt haue good experience or thou make choiſe: regard not euery one that beareth a friendly countenance, for I tell thee my Son, the ſmooth- eſt ſtreame hath his whirle-pole, the ſower Crab hath the ſhew of an apple as well as a ripe pippin, and in a friendly countenance is oft times lodged a melancholy conceit. there is as wel a Damocles to betray, as a Damocles to truſt: as well a flattering Ariſtippus, as a faithfull Lelius, & as wel a ſubtil Synon to deceiue, as a conſtant Pilades to ſerue. And to conclude my exhortation, heare once againe I ſay, my Son, direct thy ſteps as Vertue commandeth thee: be carefull for the commodity of thy kingdom, and

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use all diligence for the preservation of thy subjects, so shalt thou not onely winne the hearts of these present, and of all other thy Nobles, and Commonalty, but through their dutifull assistance and knowledge, shalt rule in quiet, without feare of thine enemies, govern without hatred of thine owne people, yea and the same of thy betters shall stretch out it selfe vnto the uttermost bounds of all the earth, otherwise I tell thee my Sonne, as the sweetest wine turneth into the sharpest vinegar, and as that is a deepe Sea wherein is found no bottom, so if thou contemne the aduise and counsell of thy Nobles, thy overthrow will sodainly follow, they are miraculous friends, if they become not thine enemies, and friendly amity converted into friendly enmie, of all hatred proueth the greatest, which by ciuill discord being once fired, with the stone of Abaddon will neuer be cooled.

To thy two brethren Donuallo, for Dorosa the eldest of the twaine, I giue the Dukedome of Lozino, with all the pallaces, edifices, and stately buildings, together with all the reuenues, profits and commodities thereunto belonging, to gouerne as a Prince in his owne territories, without the contradiction or controuement of any. And thou Donuallo, see that thou make not any invasions into any of his possessions, franchises, or liberties but see that by thy helpe he be peaceably and quietly inuested in the same: be vnto him a sure refuge in all his aduersity, and if at any time Fortune leade th her cloudy brow, shadow him as Gallina doth her Chickens, vnder thy Eagles wings. And during the time of his minority or non-age. I will that he remaine in the custody of the Earle Plauto, he to haue the care of his education, and also to be principall Collectour of all commodities arising of the foresaid Dukedome: and also I will that thou cause to be paid vnto him out of the treasures and Coffers of Aragon forty thousand Ducquets, to the use of thy said brother, within two moneths after my decease.

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To thy youngest brother Pleudippo, I giue the Castle and towne of Dorro: and also I will that there be payde vnto him out of the treasure of Aragon, full fifty thousand Crownes: his bringing vp I referre to the Marquesse of Rino here present, hee to imbrooue both his Landes and Treasure to the best use, vntill hee shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares.

To thy Sister Hermia, I will that thou pay or cause to be paid forty thousand pounds, and that immediately after my decease shee be conuayed to her Aunte, the Duane of Poland, there to be trayned vp, according to the dignitie of her birth: and when she shall attaine to riper age prouide her of a Husband worthy her estate & calling. Here pausing a while, and sending forth vapours of sighes, he gaue a Comma to his spatches. Then Donuallo standing as one whome griefe had made silent, with a pale look, and streaming downe teares, at length replied in this manner.

Deare Sueraigne, and my most deare and louing Father, my loue toward my Brethren and Sister, is and shall be such, as my outward dealing shall be a sufficient testimony of my inward meaning. I will not onely giue them that which you my languishing Father doe commaund, but I will exalt them so farre as the loue of a Brother, and the Kingdome of Aragon may by any meanes extend. They shall in no wise be esteemed as Subjects, or Inferiours, but as my equall and fellow Princes: if any colde streames of Fortune ingroble them, I will not onely loue them as a Brother, but be carefull for them as a Father: they shall be my cause, their prosperitie my comfort, and their aduersity as bitter as the last date of my dayes: yea, I will liue with them in such a sympathie of brotherly affection, as the ouer-daring hatred of any shall not presume to offer the least pricke of iniury to any of them. With this, making a sudden Apostropha, and casting by his eyes to Heauen, he uttered these speeches. Most mightie, and powerfull loue which knowest the inward intent, and understandest the

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most secret and silent thought : Let these my wordes be registred in the consistory of the Skyes : if I sayle in any of these my promises and protestations, to this my Ancient and Reuerent Father, whose white haire is true Herault of great Experience, and whose vertues are receyued as Caracteres of his Excellencie : Layne vpon my head shewes of misery, and let me be drencht in the deepest seas of distresse : Let me endure a Hydra of woes, a Chaos of vexations, yea and to conclude, the extreame of all extreame sorowes.

When Donvallo had ended this his serious and solemn Protestation, Fragoza, againe raising himselfe in his bed, and hauing taken the oath of his sonne, for the performance of his will, and likewise of the Marquesse and Carle for the education of his Sonnes, thinking to haue made a further exhortation, but such was the extremitie of his passions, as clasping his hands together, and lifting vp his eyes, he committed his soule vnto the Heauens, his face grew pale, his breath short, & his faultring tongue failing him : thus with a small gaspe, hee yeilded his last debt vnto neuer-satisfied Death.

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¶ How a day was appointed for the Coronation of King Donvallo, how the two other Brothers were carried by their Gardions to theyr houses : Of Donvalloes ill life, and of hatred betweene *Fallacia* Concubine of Donvalloes and *Dorosa*.



His departure as it was gréuous vnto his Nobles, so it caused no small discontent in the hearts of all his Commons and inferiour Subiects, so that such mournings and lamentations, before that time, was neuer seene in all the Countrey of Arragon.

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the price of his folly at so high a rate, as shall cost him his life, yea though hee bee the second in all the Kingdome of Aragon: with this againe embracing her in his armes, hee stowed on her many deuout kisses. Fallacia seeing the prologue of her wished Tragedie sort to such effect; purposing not to let the ball fall to the ground, prosecuted her intent in this wise: Dread Soueraigne, and most renowned King, whose loue I esteeme above all earthly treasure, yea, and much more then mine owne life, no man hath any wayes offered violence vnto any person, norther is the least touch of iniurie proffered vnto thy dutifull and obedient handmaide Fallacia, much lesse can the desire of any strange inuentions, heapes of treasure, or houses filled with all manner of riches, procure such vncouth passions in the hart of thy beloued Fallacia. Fallacia knowes her selfe that shee enioyes not onely the fat and best good of all the Countrey of Aragon, but euen the most mightie Monarch himselfe: what then can rest to make Fallacia once to shew a mournefull countenance, but Donvallo? Oh my deare Donvallo (with this she offered him many of her alluring kisses) it is a mightie suspicion which throbbereth in my heart, a present signe of a future calamitie, which driueth my spirits into these vnwonted sorowes: Oh, Donvallo, seest thou not the stubborne shew of thy brother Dorosa, and his vndutifull behauiour toward your Person, how, when your Maiestie, with your whole Traines of Nobles, were at the Castle Plautoes, he would not once come forth out of his Chamber to take his leaue of you, or any in your company? a notable Inder of his future obstinacie. Did you not also see in what estimation hee is with the Carlo, and diuers of your Nobles, yet not this onely was the cause of my griefe, but a most fearefull dreame which I had this last night, wherein me thought I saw all the Nobles, together with thy two brethren, in armes against thy Person, to depriue thee of the Soueraignty of thy Kingdome. From whence, I say, issued my griefe, and the feare which I had

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had to bewray the same, bereaued me of my wonted senses for a time, which, should they at any time come to passe, Fallacia should but euen remain a Sacrifice to offer by her selfe at the shrine of her beloued: For in liuing, I should but leade a life in a circle of sorowes, and made in a Labyrinth of distresse, making the Woods witnesses of my woes, and the stonie Records records of my plaintes. Therefore I say Donvallo, sake to prevent the effect, by cutting away the cause: Now the twig while it is young, least waring to a tree, it sooner burst then be: strike while the Iron is hot, least being colde, it will receiue no other impression: Use him to the bridle in his youth, least when hee cometh to greater estate, no reynes be able to containe him.

Scarce had Fallacia unburthened herselfe of all her conceited Uenome, Donvallo regarding the circumstance of her wordes, and not respecting the collusion of her wyles, allowing all her propositions for articles of his Cræde, as a man led by some tempestuous Furie, he thundred out this dismall Oracle: Proud Boy (quoth he) hath an aspiring thought already taken habitation in thy breast: Psea, I see it with mine Eyes, but seeing thy arrogancie so great, and thy pride of nature to be such, I protest, or the Axes of Tytan haue tenne times mounted by the Lruant, I will haue thee taught such a bloody Letanie, as thou shalt write thy lines legend among the dead.

The King hauing thus powred out his balefull Sentence, Fallacia hauing thoroughly satisfied her selfe with hope of his death, and hauing ended theyr vnlawfull dalliance, they tooke theyr leaue each of other for a time.

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CHAP. III.

How Donvallo plotted by two of his Guard, *Bernaculus* and *Brandello*, to slay his brother *Dorosa*; and how Donvallo caused the Earle *Plautoes* head to bee smitten off, and afterward sent for his youngest brother *Plendippo* from the Marquesse of *Rino*, and how *Plendippo* was faine to flie to saue his life.



Now no sooner had the night exchanged his sable mantle, and put on his morning vesture, but Donvallo boyling in the heat of his new conceived suspicion, hauing already plotted the destruction of *Dorosa*, hee prosecuted his determination in this wise. *Dorosa* went to Schoole, about a furlong from the Earle *Plautoes* house, with one that instructed him diligently in the knowledge of tongues: thither did hee make his walke euery morning, accompanied but onely with one man and a Page: which the King vnderstanding, calling for two of his Guard, fellows to whom he thought he might most safely commit the charge of this massacre. These with faire promises of great preferment, hee easily allured to goe murder his brother as hee trauesst his Schoole walks, setting before their eyes preferment or death, which they might freely chuse. These companions were easily intreated to act this Tragedie. and hauing their mandatum, they presently horsed themselves, and halled forward the place, where they were no sooner come, but immediately they espyed *Dorosa* going from his Tutor, none with him but his Page, hauing sent his man away about some other businesse. They seeing fortune lent them such a fauourable an aspect, to performe this homicide, posted vnto him, and with all reuerence did their

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their obedience, and with most sweet speeches saluted him, then to the intent they might draw him out of the common path, after a forged manner they certified him, That his Brother the King was in good health, and very desirous to see him: and further, that he was hunting in the Forrest within two miles, and how if it pleased him, they would attend him thither. The Prince nothing suspecting this treason, willingly consented to beare them company; but no sooner were they out of the common way, but one of them with a short glaive, took the Page suddenly and soundly on the head, that he clove him downe to the shoulders. Dorosa seeing this murder, nothing daunted with feare, with a bold resolution, Tillaine (quoth he) why hast thou committed this mischief upon my harmlesse Page: scarce had he uttered these speeches, but this cursed cut-throat, thus rigorously replied, Proud Boy, it is now no time to answer thy damnable, but prepare thy selfe to beare him company to the infernall Page, and making toward him to haue giuen him a sip of the same sauce: but the other being of a milder qualitie, and as it were stirred by some diuine motion, leaped betwene them with his Rapier drawn, and uttered these speeches, I tell thee Bernaculus, for so was this Russian called, we may with better conscience saue this Ladde, and yet obtaine our desire at the Kings hands. Ponder at the Vanen is a Shippe of Vanimes, euen now in a readinesse to set saile, to them will we sell Dorosa, and so shall we not be guiltie of the murder, and yet receive a double reward. To this was Bernaculus easily induced, rather to receive money for his body, then for any remorse of his wicked conscience. With this Brandillo, for so was the other of these two called, took Dorosa by the hand, and briefly shewed him how that it was the King his Brothers commaundement that they should murder him, which not withstanding, they were content to giue him life, and to let him live among those Moors and Vanimes, so that hee

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would solemnely promise them neuer to make himselfe knowne vnto any, which if he did, they were sure to helpe to pacifie his brothers fury with the losse of their liues. And yet this would not so appease his rage, but the iurie thereof would stretch it selfe vnto the bittermost boundes of the earth, in quest of him, to bereaue his life. Dorosa seeing it was no vote for him to be stroward quickly cōdissended to this request, ratifying the same with an oath, neuer to discouer their dealing, by this time were they come to the Shippe, where proffering their chaffer. The Vanims seeing how goodly a Ladde the same was, quickly stricke hands vpon a bargain, and gaue them thirtie Duc-kets for his value. The Vanims being thus in a readinesse, with a pleasant gale cut their furrowes in the Ocean, with such expedition, that in short time they were farre enough from all the parts of Aragon, where we will leaue Dorosa with these Infidels, and returne againe to Donvallo, and his complices. These things dispatched, Bernaculus and his companion hastened againe to the King, whom they certified how they had lealed Dorosa a quittance of his life: the King receiued no small content with this newes, who immediately made the same knowne to Fallacia; shee on the other side, now thought her selfe sufficiently reuenged, that for one cop looke had wrought the end of his life. Donvallo very liberally rewarded his ministers of mischief, yet more with promises then payments, although both were great, yea and much the greater in that hee pretended, to vse them againe in the like damnable actions. Soone was Dorosa missing at the Earle Plautoes, who being full of griefe, sent searchers throughout all the Countrey of Aragon: the Page was found slayne, which made them haue small hope of his Masters life. These newes were quickly blowne vnto the Court, which made the King shew a counterfeit kinde of lamentation, and to make the same seeme the greater, hee fell in rage against the Earle, and immediately commaunded

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him to bee proclaimed Traytor, and that by his negligence, or rather by his consent his brother Dorosa was most villainously, and traiterously made away. And to ease the Earle of these late sorowes, hee caused his head to be smitten off from his shoulders. This was no sorrow done, but immediately hee caused all his brothers Dukedoms, and the Earles possessions to bee sealed into his owne hands. And now hauing rid himselfe of the one Brother, hee thought every minute a day, and every day a yeare, untill hee had sealed his younger Brother a passport to beate the other company: but the Marquesse of Kino seeing what befell vnto the Earle, by the losse of Dorosa, kept him so straightly in the Castle, as hee suffered him not to passe any further then into the Garden adioyning vnto his Chamber, and then alwaies attended on by tenne tall fellows at the least: which Donvallo vnderstanding and perceiuing he could not compasse his intent as hee did the other, intended to play fast and loose after another manner. And resting in this determination: hee played the subtilt Raynard, as you shall presently heare: One day calling a Purseuant, hee sent in all haste for the Marquesse of Kino, who being come, the King saying himselfe very sorrowfull for the losse of Dorosa, briefly declared vnto the Marquesse in that hee had miscaried with the Earle, hee meant to haue Pleudippo into his owne hands: therefore (quoth he) dispatch, and with all expedition let him bee brought, for the feare which I haue of him, causeth me that I shall neuer rest in quiet, untill I haue him safe in mine owne custodie. The Marquesse was not much displeased with this commaund, by reason of the danger, which he knew was alwayes permanent ouer his head, if any intended treason should bee by any meanes effected, as the apparent example of the Earls manifestly declared. And although both his allegiance to the deceased King, and his love toward the young Pleudippo, made him loath to commit this tender lambe to the

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the Wolfe for his safeguard, as hee feared the sequell would expresse: yet notwithstanding all this, without delay hee performed his precept, and sent Pleudippo to the Court, whom the King, as one whom naturall wit had taught a politique kinde of dissimulation, hiding fire in the ashes, with all courtesie entertained, causing him alwaies to dine and sup at his owne Table, and very seldom, or neuer to depart out of his presence. This procured no small ioy in the hearts of all the Nobles, and especially in the Marquesse of Kino, who now began to condemne his peruerse opinion, and to blame himselfe in that he had suffered any such consaite to enter into his deceived head. Thus continued the padder hidden in the straw, for the space of halfe a yeare. But now Donvallo boyling agayne in the heate of his malicious madnesse, thought hee lent Pleudippo ouer long a life: therefore sending for his former kill colwes, charged them, that the next day they should make away Pleudippo. And the better to ad this irreligious Tragedie, by one meanes or other, to seduce him out of the Palace, and hold they should be highly esteemed, and rewarded for their paynes, and for their faithfull seruice, he would grace them with the renowned Order of Knighthood: and when his sister Flermia came of age, hee would frankly bestow her vpon one of them to wife: these faire words stirred by willing mindes in these gracelesse Champions, who esteemed no heaven but wealth, and reckoned every great gift for some petty God, such a whetstone to courage, was the promise of preferment, to these base companions: now the next day being come, they attended with all diligence, to finde Pleudippo at aduantage. During the forenoon they found none; but after dinner so it fell out, as they espied Pleudippo alone in one of the gardens, belonging vnto the Palace; where approaching toward him, with entreating speeches, they allured him further abroad, yet not so closely, but by chance, a certaine Knight being in an Ar-

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hour, both heard and saw them: yet nothing suspected their wicked drift and treacherie, they once having him aboarde, drew him toward the Sea side, thinking to make sale of him, as they did of the other: but coming to the Haven, they found no Ship in readinesse, but they perceived one, belonging to the Seldane of Aquea, under sayle, not farre from the shoare, which they seeing, got into a certaine Boate, and like tall Mariners made after them: but such was the swiftnesse of the Barke, and the businesse of these newe Saylers, that the further they rowed, the more they were behinde. They seeing themselves in this, frustrate of their hope, purposed to have cast Pleudippo over-board, to bee drenched in the waves. Whiles they were yet in this determination, behold, there came a little Skiffe floating in the waves, which they seeing, and having haled the same unto them, altered their determination, and as they had made merchandise of the one to the Moors, so they committed the other to the Seas violence; and having also taken his oath, that if fortune should permit his safetie, not to betray himselfe, they set him in the Skiffe, without either Sayle or Oare, or any succour to sustaine himselfe, where we will likewise leave him to the mercy of Eolus, and the sea gods, and returne with Bernaculus and Brandillo, to see how Donvallo exalts them for the execution of his tyrannie: no sooner were they come a shoare, but presently they were attached upon suspicion of murder, and by the Marquesse of Kino committed to safe custodie, for that Pleudippo was already wanting in the Court, and the Knight which saw them leave him away, had already made knowne the same. The King with a dissembling countenance of discontentment, shed many counterfeited kinds of sorrows, yet all this while being ignorant that his messengers were apprehended, which being once reported unto him, as one nipt on the head with feare, was driven into a great perplexitie for a time: but he whose wits neuer sayled in the like

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like stratagem, not long resting in this Dilemma, yet continuing in his dissembled discontent, he sent for one of them by summons of his Court, who being come into his presence, the Marquesse of Kino being present, immediately layd accusation against him, that he was culpable in murdering, or villainously making away of the young and Noble Pleudippo, and this the Knight which disclosed the same, offered to make him confesse by combats, so pleased it the King they might be admitted the same. But the King having already plotted his device, fearing to commit his affaires to any such equalitie of Justice, drew out easily from under his gowne a short Dagger, where-with he so well rewarded him for his service, as he could never after shew himselfe discontent, cleaving his head in such sort, as his braynes dashed against the pavement: this fatall blow being delivered, he uttered these speeches, I will be combitant with all such villaynes as shall perforce any such treachery within any of my Dominions, This done, he commaunded his corps to be voyded from his presence. And causing the other to be brought before him, who nothing knowing how his fellow was rewarded, he sent likewise to beare him company to the infernall Ghosts. This passed, the King fell againe to his lamentations: but behold, in the night when he was at rest, there appeared unto him in a dreame his brother Dorosa, having in his hand a Sword, and on his head a rich Crowne: and bending his browes, as though anger had there plowed the furrowes of his wrath, he uttered these speeches. Oh Donvallo, are thy solemn protestations thou madest to thy deceased Father sorted to this effect? know, most tyrannous King, thou that viper-like eatest up the glory of thine owne kindred, heaping sinne upon sinne by thy murderious intents, thou more cruell then Nero, more tyrannous then Phalaris, more unnatural then Althea, and lesse pitifull then Agave, well may I thinke thee neuer to be the Sonne of that late renowned *Fragosa*, but

but Duris genuit cautibus horrens, Caucasus Hircanæq;
admorunt vbera tigres: But thinke Donvallo, though thy
deafe resolution will not (till too late) beleue thy misfoz-
tune, that the very heauens haue conspired thy confusion,
and the time shall come when no ransome shall redæme
thy life, but the same hand which murdered other, shall
be turned against thy selfe: these speeches finished, hee
suddenly banished away, leauing Donvallo terribly terri-
fied with the accusation of his owne conscience; where
we will likewise leaue him for a while, for by this time is
Pleudippo dead for hunger, starued for colde, or arrived
on shoare.

CHAP. IIII.

How Pleudippo was driuen on shore on the coast of Bri-
taine, and what happened him there.



Pleudippo was by the fauour of th^e
Destinies and friendship of Neptune,
with gentle blasts, driuen on land on
the coast of Britayne, after he had bene
floating on the waues almost thre
dayes, at length the youth feeling his
Boate sticke fast in the woe, waded
swyth to the firmeland, and being very feeble for want of
foode, and stiffe, through the extreamenesse of the cold,
setting himselfe vnder a Tre, looking vp toward hea-
uen, opening the sluces of his eyes, and bedewing his
cheekes with pearly teares, hee breathed out these com-
plaints: Oye Pleudippo, Pleupippo oye: yea, thou
hast no other cause, but to wither for most swift and
spedie death; thou art by descent the Sonne of a King, but
now no better then the basest begger: the one thou had-
dest by birth, the other is assigned by destinie, thou art in
an unknowne land, without foode, and vterly boyde of
friends,

friends. Ah Pleudippo, thy misfortunes are more then
thy yeares: the flowers of thy youth are nipt through
the frost of enuie, and all thy hoped for fruit must perish
in the bud: thy good friend the Marquesse, carefully kept
thee, and as one dreaming of thy future misery, watched
thee more warily then the waking Dragons did the Ve-
sperion citrons, seeking to preuent the cause, but thy un-
naturall brother Donvallo, working the effect, hath de-
livered thee to the vneuitable & thirstie iawes of vntime-
ly death. Ah Pleudippo, is this the hope thou haddest of
so great courtesie, and so soone changed into extreame
cruelty: Oh my deare brother Dorosa, well doe I see
th at we haue both drunke of one cup, but may I escape
tomas estate, I wil not let to seek thee, even in the most
secret and furthest bounds of all the earth, euen among
the Turkes, Moors and Barbarians, for vnto some of
them art thou solde as a prey, eyther to be a slaue to those
slaves, or else a sacrifice to their abominable and false
Gods: And againe comforting himselfe, he uttered these
speeches: yet Pleudippo, since thou art escaped his fury,
giue a Commia to thy sorowes, hope that after a harde
Winter will come a most pleasant Spring, and when
the dayes of thy extreame woes are past, thou shalt re-
græt the chearefull Aprill of thy Sommer ioyes, there
vp thy selfe, and to thy trauels, seeke out some house or
habitation, Olim hæc meminisse iuuabit, as fortune hath
scourged thee with Pettles, so may thee salue thee with
Roses, all things haue a time, and the longest Winter
haue an end. As Pleudippo was thus in the depth of
his meditations, an old seruant belonging to Dorelio the
king of Britaine, passed by that way, who seeing a Lad
sit there in an vnfrequented place, with such sorowfull
countenance, painting out his distresse with the aboun-
dance of his teares, comming toward him, finding him
to be so goodly a youth, hee was already partaker of his
misery, and the good old fellow was moued with com-
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passion, Pleudippo seeing him come, as one between fear and hope, with the teares standing in his eyes, rose up and saluted him with such a courteous kinde of behaviour, as moued no little pittie in this old attendant, who straight supposed by his outward behaviour, the Child should be of some worthy parentage: but when they spake, well might they make signes, but neither of them understoode the other. Then Pleudippo plucking by his spirit of boldnesse, tooke him by the hand, and shewed him the Boat, deciphering by signes how he was driven thither of the waters, which Fidus (for so was this old fellow named) seeing, presently imagined that he must needs be oppressed with hungers extremity, tooke the Lad, and set him upon his horse, and rode himselfe behind to stay him, because he was very stiffe and fable. Thus passed they forwards the next towne, and hauing taken up their Inne, olde Fidus called for such Catres as the place could afford. Pleudippo hereat was somewhat cheared, who fed with such an hungry appetite, as it seemed vnto him a most rich and costly banquet, but shewing signes of gratefulnesse to the old Fidus. Thus stayed they some two dayes, refreshing themselves in their common Inn. At length Fidus seeing Pleudippo recouer his strength, prepared himselfe for their iourney, calling on their Hostesse to know the reckoning, that they might satisfie and depart. During the time of their abode there, the Hostesse (who had now neuer a sonne left of her owne) had taken such a speciall liking of Pleudippo, as she desired no other payment for their pzanant, then the Lad whom she promised to loue and nourish, during her life in stead of her owne onely Sonne, which lately before was by Death arrested. But old Fidus who thought the Kings Court a more fitter place for so sweet a youth, then a barbarous and common Inne, would by no means consent: which the Hostesse seeing, fittched forth a croke, and a pretty Rapier, which lately belonged to her deceased Sonne,

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Sonne, and gaue them to Pleudippo, in that she saw he was but slenderly armed against the cold. These thinges being done, olde Fidus and Pleudippo betooke themselves to their iourney toward the City of Troynouant, where the king then kept his Court. Now during the time of their abode, in the foresaid Towne, there remayned there a certaine knight, belonging to the Duke of Gaule, this knight was very desirous to haue had Pleudippo for his Page, which because Fidus would not grant, so soone as they were gone out of the towne, hee commaunded three of his men to follow after, and take him from him by force. Thus galloped they after them amaine, and before they had passed full two miles, they had wel-nigh overtaken them: then one of them calling vnto Fidus with a loud voyce, Discourteous villaine (quoth he) better had it bene for thee to haue graunted our Masters request, for now too late shalt thou repent thy deniall, and that which thou refused to giue by courtesie, thou shalt not onely be compelled to yeeld by constraint, but also lose thine owne life for thy folly. Fidus although hee were something withered with yeares, yet being bould and hardie, alighted from his horse, and drew his weapon, by this time were the other three all off their horses making toward him, with naked swords brandishing in their hands. Pleudippo seeing his friend in such distresse (yet ignorant of the cause, in that hee did not vnderstand their speech) leaped off his horse, and drew his Rapier, thinking either to yeeld speedy succour vnto his friend, or else to leaue his life, as a trophie of his intent (which he being not aboue eleauen yeares of age, did little esteeme, in that fortune had bene to him so contrarie.) In this determination, he droue at one of them with all his might, which the other seeing, supposed to haue beat by his thrust, but it was so desperately set, as he failed thereof, and Pleudippo pierced him quite through the body, in such sort, as he presently fell dead to the earth. Olde Fidus seeing this

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unlooked for succor, renuing his courage, he set about such a swash blow, as he had made the crown of another of them like a new shaven fryer, but that by chaunce the stroke lighted somewhat lower, and in stead of his hayze, he cut off so much of his head, as the very brains fel about his shoulders. The other seeing this, thought if he tarried any longer, they would cancell his crown like a new discharged obligation, thus timor addidit alios, being plumed with the feathers of feare, he turned his backe & fled swearing to himselfe, that if one payze of legs were not worth two payze of hands, he were like to go short home. Fidus seeing the coast thus cleare, tooke the two horses of them that were slaine, and set Pleudippo vpon one of them, and himselfe vpon another (leaving his owne in that he was soze wearied with trauell) and with all speed galloped away, making such hast, that within thre dayes they were safely arriued at Troynouant, where the king then lay: who walking with sundry of his Nobles vpon one of his galleries, he espied old Fidus, whom befoze he had sent about some speciall businesse into the west parte of his Realme. And seeing so goodly a youth with him, commaunded him presently to come befoze him: Fidus being come befoze his Highnesse, and hauing according to the custome of the Country vpon his knees done his obedience, the king forthwith fell to questioning where he had that beautifull and well adorneed Youth, in mine eye (quoth he) the onely patterne of Natures perfections, his very looks deciphering him to haue the true Characters of magnanimity stamped in his bzeast, whereat old Fidus recounted vnto him in particular from point point, where he found him, in what manner, and al other accidents, which befell him in his trauell, not forgetting with what courage he assisted him in that perillous combat, and euery way reputing him for the most courteous hardy, beautifull, and best accomplished Ladde that euer eye beheld. The king taking great delight to heare these

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these discourses, commaunding Fidus to bring him to his person: no sooner was Pleudippo come into the kinges presence, but he humbled himselfe with such a Courtly grace, as much admired the king and all his Nobles, to see such Princely behauiour in so young a youth, euerie one iudging him to be of high descent. Pleudippo viewing the stately buildings, costly galleries, and gallant troupe of Nobles, calling to mind the decesse of his royall Father, the estate from whence he was saln, the magnificence of that Court, and the cruelty of his brother: these braue him into such a dumpe, as the teares began a flood to fall from his christall eyes, which procured such pittie in the kings heart, as he rose vp from his seate, and embraced him tenderly in his armes, and calling for the Tutors of his owne sonne, the Prince Andronico, who was a goodly youth, and much of the yeares of Pleudippo, commaunding them that they should haue equal care ouer him, as ouer his owne, and that he should be diligently instructed in their language: for (quoth he) his very looke approueth great worthines in him in time to come. But here will we leaue Pleudippo with his Governours to discourse of Dorosa and his fortunes.

CHAP. V.

How Dorosa sayling on the sea, was taken prisoner by the Hungarians among the Moeres, & what followed.



The Danims had not sayled full forty leagues from Aragon, but by chaunce they fel into the lapse of 2. Ships pertaining to the king of Hungaria, betwixt whom began a most dangerous and fearful skirmish, yet in the end, & Hun

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garians boarded the *Boez*, and in despite of their resistance, entered the *Shippe*, enforcing them to yield. And having imprisoned all those adorers of Mahomet, at length they found *Dorosa*, who lay fast bound in one of the Cabines, for feare he should have any way offered violence unto himselfe. The Hungarians having loosed his setters, demanded from whence he was: *Dorosa*, loath to breake promise with his brothers messengers replied, he was a Gentlemans Sonne of *Gallicia*, sent unto *Arago* by his friends, and his conductours robbing him of all his treasure, after made sale of his body to those barbarous Infidels. The Captaine pittying his estate, and seeing in his face sufficient tokens of ensuing honour, promised him that when he came in Hungaria, he would so further his cause, that he should become Page to some Nobleman about the Court. *Dorosa* thanked him with such a courteous and Courtly behaviour, as it made the most barbarous in all the ship to attribute great commendations to this unknowne Lad. Thus having hoist their sailes with a merry gale, they cut their furrowes in the Ocean, shaping their course for Hungaria, where (the winde being favourable) within short time they arrived, where they committed all those cursed miscreants unto most fearefull and darksome dungeons, where we will also leave them, rayling and exclaiming against their false Gods, in that they appertaine nothing to our Historiell discourse. These things dispatched, the Captaine with the *Maisters*, and others of the chiefe of the companie, walked by into the *Colone*, and with them was the unknowne *Dorosa*: as they were thus trauesling by and downe for their delight, to recreate themselves after their boone voyage, by chance there met them the Countie of *Warraine*. This Captaine was well respected of the Countie, in that he had bene sometime one of the Gentlemen of his Fathers house: The Countie therefore taking him by the hand, gave him a most courteous welcome,

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come, and after enquired of the successe of all his Sea adventures, the which the Captaine discoursed at large, leaving no point of their fortunes barecounted. Thus being earnest in their chat, at last the Countie casting his eyes aside, espied *Dorosa*, and fixing his eye upon him, which *Dorosa* noting, bowed himselfe toward the ground with such a seemely grace, as made him take a further view of his fauour and proportion, which finding to be so exquisite, and well accomplished, he demanded of the Captaine, who and from whence he was: upon this demand, the Captaine briefly declared unto him, how and in what manner he found him among the Pagans, and how he affirmed himselfe to be a Gentleman of *Gallicia*, sold unto them by the fraudulent dealing of his conductours. Truly (quoth the Countie) well may he be of some honourable parentage, and his very looks approue him of some high descent, for his very face is a map of magnanimitie, and in his browes are stamped the Characters of future honours; and it seemeth his bringing by hath bene answerable to the excellent constitution of his body, he is of so gallant a disposition and behaviour. And would you (quoth he) bestow him on me for a gift, I would vse him well, and be alwaies ready to requite your kindnesse, as occasion shall serue. Right honourable Lord (quoth the Captaine) I am very glad, not onely that I haue any thing wherewith to gratifie your wopthines, but also that I may present him to so gracious a Lord and Maister, hoping that by your meanes, in time to come, he shall little regard his former sustained iniurie: therfore my Lord, take him at your pleasure and commaund. The Countie having rendered him most hartie thanks, called *Dorosa*, and demanded if he were content to attend upon him as his Page. *Dorosa* seeming no way discontent, answered; he was at his pleasure, at all times willing and ready to the uttermost of his small abilitie. Now from this day forward did *Dorosa* serue the Countie, continuing with him untill he

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he come to the age of eight and twenty yeares, greatly esteemed of the County for his vertue and honesty, beloved of his Lady for his exquisite beauty, and generall affected of all the Gentlemen & servants belonging to the house for his courteous and kind conuersation amongst them, but especially of his Lady, who would willingly haue yelded him large thongs of her chastity, and made him coniuall with his Lord in loue: but hee was too yong to sollicite such a sute, and feare withheld her from hazarding her credit in the hands of such a yongling, scarce able to conceyue of the heate of affection. Thus continued hee I say, for the space of foure yeares, without acting any great matter worthy the recitall: which because his verses are so many, as might replenish large volumes, to auoyde both mine owne toyle, and least I should be rather tedious to the Reader, then delightfull to the hearer, I omit. Now at that time there was in a Forrest adioyning to the Countiees Pallace, a wonderfull wilde Boare, this Boare had continued there for the space of thirty yeares, so fierce and terrible, as the very hardiest in all the Country durst not any way abide him, by reason whereof he did so many and great mischiefes in the kingdom, by spoiling the Vineyards, turning vp their fields, yea and deuouring both man and beast, or whatsoeuer came in any of his walkes: This Boare hauing all his bristles more stiffe then the strongest bodkin, & more sharpe then the finest needle: so that with them hee was able to strike through the most soundest compleate harness and with his tuskes to teare asunder all wild beasts what soeuer: more fearefull was this Boare then that of Calidon, slaine by the worthy Meleager, and far surpassing that of Delphos, slaine by the famous Palmendes.

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CHAP. VI.

How Dorosa slew a wild Boare, and what great honor and estimation hee gained thereby, and what after chanced during his abode with the County.



A I tell so out on a day, that a kinsma of the Countiees passing through the Forrest, fel into the walks of this vnruly monster, who most furiously set vpon him, rending his carkasses with his horrible tuskes, & deuouring both flesh, bloud & bone into his rauenous panch, his fearefull Page saued himselfe by flight, who running trembling to the Countiees, declaring the sadde misfortune of his massacred Master, & the terrible tyranny of that infernall monster. The County hearing this, being himselfe at his distraction, being incensed with anger, & euery veine filled with choller and discontent, determined without delay to giue the Boare a chase: therfore sending for diuers knights & gentlemen his neighbours, he declared his intent: for (quoth he) so great is his mischiefe, as it is not any waies vnknown vnto most of you that if he continue long, we shal all be endamaged by this earthly fury, or diuell incarnate, enchanted here by some hellish sorcery, for some damnable intent: these speeches ended, hee commaunded al his men to Arms. The knights and Gentlemen all agreed to the Countiees determination, rather for feare of his displeasure, then for any desire they had to incounter with this most monstrous monster. Thus all things being in a readinesse, they entred into the Forrest all armed, to the number of thre hundred, among whom was Dorosa, who rode on a very good courser, with a mighty Asuelin in his hand, which the Gentlemen

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Clemen present, indeed farre brist for so young a Youth. Thus ranging about the Forrest, to rouse this ugly Monster, taking a long time, and not finding him: at length they dispersed themselves some one way, & some another, searching about the thickest of the Forrest: Now, by chance, as they were thus scattered abroad, the County was quite cast off from all his company, and taking to overtake them, by evil hap lighted right into the place where the Boare in a morny mangle, lay tumbling himselfe in the mire. The County was close vpon him before hee saw him, and the beast espying her enemy so nigh him, rousing himselfe, and setting vp his sharpe bristles, the strong armour of his defence, whetting his mighty tuskes, his eyes sparkling fire, and foaming at his mouth for madnesse, made toward him with all his force, which the County seeing, wounded his horne, & seeing the Boare eager to fight, hee roughly encountred him with his Launce, but so hard was his harness hid, that the speare flew in peeces, and the Boare cutting vpon him, stricke his horse with his huge tuskes, in such sort vnder his ribs, as he fel down dead vnder his Paister, lying so vpon one of his legges, as he could by no meanes get forth. Now the company was farre off, and by reason of the thicke of the Forrest, they could not come speedily enough to succour him. Dorosa being nigh at hand, like wile lost among the vnknowne Shrubbs, & hearing the horne, came rushing right to the place euen as the County was cast downe, the Boare being ready to haue torne him in peeces. Dorosa seeing this sauege Diuell in such wile to tyrannize ouer his Lord, with a desperate resolution gaue him the encounter, his Speare flew in peeces into the ayre: yet the same glancing vpon his brazen side, the Hauelin end entred into his flanke, where the skinne was somewhat more thinne, almost halfe a fote, the end breaking off, left it selfe behinde in the flesh. The Boare feeling himselfe wounded, left the

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County and made toward Dorosa, whetting his tuskes in such monstrous manner, as if hee had bene able to haue torne by tees by the roote. This made Dorosa quickly leape from off his horse, and hauing drawne forth his sword, setting both his hands to the same, deliuered such a stroke, as hee thought to haue clouen his head in peeces: but the same was so stinte hard, that his sword lighting thereon, flew in thre peeces: the Boare still following fast vpon him, which Dorosa seeing, & finding his weapons to deceue him, with a couragious valour cast the hiltes of his sword at the Boares head, which lighted so right vpon the gristles of his nose, that the Boare gaue a monstrous cry, which Dorosa seeing, being quicke and linely and neuer more quicke then in this extremity, with a youthfull leape got to the County, and hauing recovered his sword, met the fell monster, who gaping, came toward him, as if he would haue entombed him whole in his rauinous panch: which Dorosa seeing, taking opportunity by the forehead, thrust his sword into his mouth, & followed the same with such puissance, as he sheathed it in his body, almost vnto the hilt: this forced the boare to giue backe, which Dorosa perceyuing, thought he had sped him, and adding a little further strength, pierced him him quite through the heart, so that with a yelling cry hee fell to the earth, neuer able to recouer again his standing, but weltring in his owne blood, immediately gaue his last gaspe, by this time had the County wrought himselfe from vnder his horse, and comming to Dorosa, & embracing him in his Armes vttered these speeches.

O most fortunate, and thrice happy Dorosa; blessed was thy coming to this sacre and strange Countrey to liue: and right fortunate was I in the houre when I first saw thee: and aboue all men, am I bound to giue thanks to the almighty, for conducting thee hither in my so great extremity, not onely rescuing my life from the lawes of this Monster, but ridding the Country from so

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Perillous an enemy: how well hath thy face deciphered thy baliency, and the haughtynesse of thy countenance, the unmatchable splendour of thy concealed valour, as hee was thus in the depth of his prayse, came in all the other knights and Gentlemen, who seeing the Boares slaine, were not a little ioyfull, wondering at the hugeness of this Monster, yet more admiring the couragiousnesse of them that had slaine him. But when the Countie declared vnto them the baliency of Dorosa, how he himselfe was overthrowne, and his Page the onely vanquisher, they altogether embraced him, every one extolling his courage and magnanimity even vnto the cloudes. But to be short, they prailes and gratulations being ended, they cut off the Boares head, and sent it by Messengers vnto the King: which when he, with the Nobles of his Court beheld, they all supposed, that neuer eye suruayed so huge a deformed Creature: And all of them applauding the confusion of this Monster, the King demanded how they wrought the confusion of that earthly furie, sent him then (quoth hee) by some enchanting exorcismes, for the ruine of our whole Country and common wealth, which when the messenger had declared, with all the manner and circumstance of the same, together with the beauty and excellent behaviour of the youth, they were all brought into a labyrinth of admiration at the strangenes of the discourse. The King hauing rewarded the Messenger for his pains, and sent great thanks to the Countie for hazarding himselfe against such an unruly beast, hee tooke a chaine of rich and costly price, and commaunded the messenger to deliver it to Dorosa, and with him from me (quoth he) to perseuer in his begun betimes.

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CHAP. VII.

How the Great Turke craueth the beautifull Albina to wife, and being denied, inuadeth Hungarie, and how Dorosa amongst others came against him, and what strange accidents hapned in that battell.



The messenger being gone, the King declared before the Quene, his Sonne Feraro, & his daughter, the sayre Princesse Albina, all the discourse of that young Dorosa, and of every part & circumstance as you haue heard before: these commendations kindled such a fire in the heart of this beautifull Princesse, as could neuer be utterly extinguished, as you shall heare hereafter. And Feraro fullie determined in himselfe, if euer occasion serued for him, to take strange aduentures, to make this unknowne youth Companion with him in his trauels. But here we must leaue them a while to their seuerall opinions, and follow our huntsman, whom we left in the Forrest. So soon as they had sent away the Boares head, two of the chiefe knightes tooke Dorosa, and caused him to ride triumphant like be- twene them to the Counties Pallace, where all they were most honourably feasted, every one resoluing Dorosa by all the meanes they could, allowing him at that time the next room to his Lord, as the efficient cause of all their extraordinary reioycing, euer extolling his valour to the highest degree.

Thus hauing feasted themselves for some two or three dayes, and caroused their bowles of wine with an vpspe- freize, the feast brake vp, and they all tooke their leaue & departed: from this time forward, Dorosa wholly gaue his mind to tosse Pikes, ride great Horses, to plant battalies

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battles, and all other such like feats of famous chivalrie. But as you heard before, the Countesse being taught with the loue of Dorosa, these speeches of excellency, and prayes of his oailor, through the heat of affection brought her whole into a flame, which although she did not wholly bewray, yet did she cast forth such, and so many alluring speeches, further then modesty would permit, as Dorosa well perceived, yet dissembled the same. And remembering how his brother was ledde in the maskes of errour, purposed in his heart neuer to commit any such offence. Thus continued he with the County for the space of two yeares more, his Lady all this while neuer ceasing from her immodest inticements. Dorosa seeing her desire dayly to augment, and her impudency to waxe beyond all meane, he fully purposed to trauaile strange Countries, onely with that chaste Ioseph, he might be free from her assiduell temptations: but being not yet resolved which way to bend his course, his intent was altered, as you shall presently heare.

One evening, diuers Knights and Gentlemen being at supper at the Counties, they fell in talke of Albina the kings daughter, one reporting her for the most beautifull Lady in all Europe, another protesting the whole circuit of the earth yielded not her equall, another affirming, that if Hellen of Greece, and Lucretia of Rome, were both liuing, she would surpasse the one in beauty, and equall the other in modesty. Thus every man yielded his censure, some one way, and some another: but to conclude, all supposed her to be the liuely patterne of all perfections, the Art of Nature, and a Pymph supernaturall. Dorosa well hearing all their speeches, decreede in his minde to haue a sight of that earthly Paragon, or ever he passed out of the confines of Hungaria. Whiles Dorosa was thus in the middest of his imagination, the gentlemen still in the height of their prayes, a Herald entered the hall, bowing himselfe in reuerence of the County and Nobles

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Nobles at the Table, deliuered his message vnto this effect.

Worthy County, the King greates you well, &c. I am here by vertue of Commission vnder his Maiesties hand, do charge and commaund you, vpon pain of his Highnes displeasure, that with all speed, you gather by sound of Drumme, or otherwise, all such forces as can possibly be made, within all these parts of the kingdome, and with them in all hast to repayze toward his Maiesty: for this day the great Turke, that high and mighty commander of all Asia, inuadeth the Confinnes of Hungaria with a puissant Armie, of two hundred thousand strong & hardy Souldiers, swearing by Mahomet, Alcharon, and the Shryne of Micha, to worke the utter ruine of all this worthy kingdome. if the king will not giue him his saye daughter, the beautifull Albina to wife: the which all you know how contrary the same is to our profession and religion, and rather had the Lady bereaue herselfe of life, then become bound to such an hellish Pagan, who already hath two hundred wiues, besides three hundred Concubines, all which he useth and abuseth at his pleasure, and rather had the king hazard both life and kingdome, then to yeeld so precious a Jewell to that vnruly Rened Mahound.

These speeches rayled a quivering feare in the hearts of many of the Nobles, knights, and Gentlemen, some fearing losse of their liues, other the wasting of their goods, some the captiuitie of their wiues and children, and all the ruine and finall destruction of Hungaria. But this raised a content in the hart of Dorosa, who had now bowed himselfe to follow armes, and further hoped in these warres to ad something that might be acceptable to the eares of that crquisite Princeesse. Supper being ended, the Drums hundred, the Trumpets sounded, alarms were giuen, and Posts sent about with all speed, so that by the next day the County had full fiftene thousand men in armes,

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Dorosa had in this time fitted himselfe of a most strong armour, taking a mighty lance, and a huge sword, called slaughter, sometimes belonging to a mighty King of Grecia, which had there hanged by for the space of two hundred yeares, no man once able to wield the same, and then he took a notable Courser out of the stable, fellow to the same the county himselfe rode upon, two better were not in all the realme of Hungaria: Dorosa being thus richly mounted, made his horse fetch such cariers and labourers, as made the earth to quake & tremble at the resolute boldnesse of such a rider: and being in this his brauer, so high was his valour and magnanimity, as he supposed himselfe able to encounter a puissant armie, by his owne strength. The County seeing him thus mounted, was fully resolved that if fortune shewed her selfe favourable, Dorosa would perform mighty deeds of chivalry in that battell. Thus being all in readinesse they marched in very comely equipage toward the King, who by this time was ready to enter into the field, having in his army thirtie thousand souldiers: with him was likewise the Duke of Pozenna, having with him twenty thousand. Now when the Counties power was come, they were in all more then threescore thousand strong, but the Turke had thre times so many: and further he protested, except the King would speedily bring forth his daughter, to lay all Hungaria waste, though it cost the lives of those present, and of five hundred thousand more strong and hardy Janisaries.

This made the stoutest of all Hungaria to tremble, but necessitas non habet legem: the king was resolute, and therest must syther fight or dye, and seeing that delayed danger, in that the Turke still looked for new supplies out of other Countries, he divided his army, the forward wherof was led by the Duke of Pozenna to whom he appointed to give the first charge, having under him fifteen thousand; he himselfe with the young Prince his

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his sonne Ferraro led the maine battell: the County of Turrairie led the reerward, having in his army full ten thousand, among whom was that unknowne Dorosa: Now the king placed the County under the side of an hill, wishing him not to stir till the time of the greatest danger.

The king having thus ordered his army, intending presently to set upon his enemies, who were there ready in the plaine, nigh to the Castle of Pozenna, encouraged his Souldiers with these termes, Renowned Hungarians, and my companions in armes, whose valour hath ever bene equall with the most valiant, as they that dwell in far renowned times can report, and the Turks (by proofe thereof, in times past) themselves can testifie, yea, and the wings of every wind can whistle the same: then seeing you have already obtained the same of fortitude, let not the multitude of these misbelieving Infidels any whit daunt the courage of your never daunted valor, though they be thre for one: our cause is iust, & they contrary to all reason, like unto such wicked Infidels as they themselves are (so unto no other can I compare them, in that their wickednesse cannot be equalled by any) they I say, with fire & sword seek to bereave us of our lives, to load our wives & children captives, and to make a desolate wilderness of all this our famous country and kingdom, or else that which is worse, here to place the name of their most monstrous Idoll. Nowe he would haue said, but with this he was forced to breake off his Oration, for that the Turke already gave an alarm to the fight. The right wing led by the king of Aquilea, gave a furious assault upon the forefront of the Hungarians, proceeding on with their thicke troupes, laying on heavy blows in such sort, that in lesse than halfe an houre the Dukes power was almost wholly discomfited: which the king of Hungaria seeing, rushed forth with his main battell with such fury, as they bare and beat down the Turkes horse,

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and wall to the ground, so that in short space more then ten thousand Pagans lay weltering in their own blood: In this conflict the King of Aquiles was slain, and the Duke of Dozena so fore hurt, as he was faine to be carried out of the Army into their Tents. The Count Euliane seeing this, pressed forth with all the ranks of his maine Arme: now beganne the battell with such rage, as might have dismayed the strongest courage to behold the fury of this fight: there might you heare the Drummes thunder, the Trumpets sounding, the Jiles warble: there might you see knights cast off their horses, horses running without their master, some without armes, some cut off by the middle, some striking, some crying, some killed, others dying: yea, and to conclude so cruell was this fight, as might have terrified the strongest Champion to behold: but the Turkes being more then three for one, followed the fight with such vigour, as the Hungarians being discomfited, were ready to haue taken themselves to flight: but the bloody Pagan thinking to make this the last dayes day of all the Hungarians, cast his ranks in a ring, & compass them about on all sides, which the Count of Warrame seeing, dispayring of all hope of victory, was ready to haue taken himselfe to flight: which Dorosa (who all this while longed to be among them) seeing uttered these words. What my Lord, it is reprochfull to be the last that fight, and the first that flye, much more to flye, and neuer fight: what courage my Lord, Audentes fortuna iuuat: With this, spurring his Palfrey, and as it were, one led by some tempestuous fury, rushed in among the Pagan ranks, overthrowing seauen Turkes one after another, horse and man to the ground, redoubting his blowes with such valour, as the Turkes on all sides were glad to see his passage: which the King of Pequoa, one belonging to the Turke seeing, roughly encountred him with all his puissance, their lances flew into the ayre like dust, Dorosa neuer stirring in his

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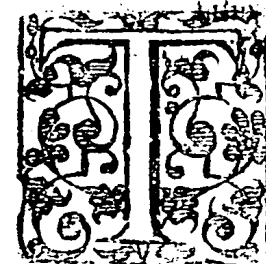
his saddle: but this proud Pagan was turned for the turne over his horse tayle: The Count seeing the valiancy of Dorosa, lifted with a desire of honour, pressing forth with his troupe, gaue a fresh supply: now began the fury of this battell in such sort, as is impossible for my rude penne to expresse the clattering of their armes, echoing in the ayre, & the very earth trembling at the sounding of their horse hooves. Thus continued the fight for the space of two houres, hard to iudge on whose side Fortune would be prouidall, Dorosa all this while laying on such load, that where soeuer he went, the Turkes flooke like sheepe from a hunger starued Wolfe, swearing by Mahomet, that Mars himselfe in the likenesse of a man, was come downe to succour the Christians: his wordes likewise renaued such a courage among the Hungarians that no one of them but endeauours himselfe to the uttermost of his power to excell other in deeds of chivalry: by this time had Dorosa made a lane through the Turkes, and was got into the middost, where the Hungarians were enclosed. Now there was in the Turkes host a mighty Gyant called Mordaco, this hellish monster wrought great dammage to the Hungarians, beating down horse and man to the ground, which the King seeing, tooke a strong Lance, and ran with all his might against him, but nothing was able to stir him in his saddle: but Mordaco seeing the King before him, and partly knowing him by the beautifullnes of his armour, lent him such a stroke with his heauy mace, that he forced him to kisse the earth. The Prince Feraro seeing this, with a desperate resolution set vpon this Pagan: but alas, the second stroke this Mordaco reached him so sound a blow on the head, as he fell from his horse: by this time was the King got by againe on his feet, fighting very valiantly, being beset about with many Pagans: but luckily in this last assault Dorosa breaking through the ranks, and seeing Feraro fall from his horse, yet not knowing that it was the Kings

sonne, in which he speake out of the hand of one that was next him, & thus saith this Mordaco with such a counterburse, as he braued him quite ouer his horse Cronper, who with the weight of his copulency, burst in the body in such sort, as his bowels came out: and there setting hand to slaughter his sword, made the passage, man- gre the hearts of all those drenchtened Curs. And catch- ing the horse that this terrible Pagan rode on, hoisted a- gaine Feraro, in that he saw him in most danger, and re- scuing the king from al his enclosers, placed him likewise vpon his horse, who was then so weary and faint, that he was forced to goe out of the battell into his Tent. By this time the Turkes lost their liues so on all sides, as it was easie to perceiue to whom the victory would de- cline, which the great Turke seeing, and how the mighty Mordaco was slaine, on whom he trusted more then on halfe his Army, seare adding wings to his heels, turned his back and fled, crying out to his Nobles, he that is last in flight shall be first in death: but Dorosa seeing this, with an hundred stout Hungarians which now followed him at an runch, encompassed the Turke & his Nobles, euery one seeking to shift for himselfe, lest the Turke pri- soner to Dorosa, whom he committed to those Hunga- rians, following himselfe among other of the Army, kil- ling and slaying the Turkes like sheepe, euen vnto the furthest bounds of all Hungaria, vntill night grew on, & darkenesse forced them to sound retrain,

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How after the battell the King inquired who Dorosa was, and commanded him to be brought vnto him, and after he commanded that he should bee lodged with his son Feraro, also how the Kings daughter Al- bina fell in loue with Dorosa vpon others commen- dations, and what afterwards hapned.



His happy victory thus obtained, eue- ry man was commanded to his owne Squadron, & hauing taken some repose after they late trauels, then order be- ing taken for the buriall of the dead, which they found to be of the Hunga- rians 25000. and some odd persons, but of the Turkes were slaine five men for one. These things being ended, the King dispatched a Post towards the Court, to declare the ioyful and long wished for news of this new obtained victory to the Queene, and the sayre Princesse Albina, and the rest of the honorable Ladies. This done, the king inquired what they called that yong man, vnto whose prowess they were all so much indeb- ted: one of his Nobles made answer, that it was one that was Page vnto the Countie of Lorraine, he which slew the great boare in the forest of Duns. Then the king sent a Herald vnto the Countie, commanding him & Dorosa to attend his person, which they presently did. So sooner were they come into his sight, but the king rose vp and went toward them, which Dorosa seeing, falling down vpon his knee offered to kisse his hand, but the king would not permit the same, but taking him in his arms embraced him after a most kind manner, and therewithal vttered these speeches: Thou art true of all chivalry and magnanimity, which

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whose perfect perfections of rare outward lineaments is a true mappe of thy inward vertues, and a neuer fallable index of thy vnsurmountable valour: by thee, & by thy means hath our misfortunes bin prevented, and without thy help we had all been slaues vnto death, or wofull subiects to vnspcakable misery: thou hast not onely deliuered me & my son Feraro, which were euē at the entrance of deaths doore, but hast done generall good to Hungaria, which had this enuious day bin drownded with the blood of her naturall Inhabitants: but thy arme clearing vs from these mists of misery, when all hope of life was past, hath filled these playnes with an Ocean of blood from the hearts of those cursed misersants, eternizing thy name through the worthines of thy valour.

With this all the people shouted out, long liue valiant and fortunate Dorosa, whose violence among our enemies was like a storme of tempest beating down al hope of their Haruest into the dust, or like the waues of Neptune, ouerturning their boats, making their dead carcasses float in the billowes of their owne blood. Dorosa blushing to heare these high commendations, kneeled again to the ground, and replyed in this manner. Right King, if I haue done any thing worthy the rehearfall, it was but the duty of a Subject toward his Prince, and for your prayles, I esteeme my selfe altogether unworthy, neither was it my proweesse, that so furthered this victory, but all those worthy Chieftaines and souldiers, who like resolute Lyons coled the pride of this over-daring Sultane, and if it were my hap (quoth he) to succour your Maiesty, and the worthy Prince Feraro your Sonne, whose deserts this day are worthy to be accounted in the highest degree: I hold that subiect worthy for death, that will not hazard his life in the behalfe of his Soueraigne, against all such insulting tyrants. With this the king immediately bestowed on him the Order of Knighthood, too small a reward for his honourable acts: yet the greatest honour

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Honour the field can afford. Whose speeches ended, the Chirurgions hauing againe searched and dressed their wounds, the king caused Dorosa to haue his Cabin appointed in his owne Pallace, with his sonne Feraro, Thus the day passed away with joy, feasting themselves with their warlike provision, vntill the night grew on, and euery man betooke himselfe to his rest, where we will leaue them for this night to refresh theyr ouer-wearied bodies with some sweet slumbers, and returne to the Ducene, and her daughter Albina, with the rest of theyr Ladies.

All this while the Ladies were sad and heavy, and had heard no tidings of their expected fortunes. And now the fourth night after their departure being come, they could hardly suffer any quiet nap to enter into their carefull heads, especially Albina. in whose tender heart the fearefull ruinour of these terrible warres, had made such an impression, calling to mind the vanger wherein shee with all the Country of Hungaria was in: getting vp very early, and leaning her selfe in her window, breathd out these lamentations. Oh vnsfortunate Albina, happy haddest thou been, if the day of thy birth had borne the tearme of thy life. What sinisser planet had domination at the time of thy Nativity? or what froward fate hath allotted thee this destiny? Thy life is now on the latestt period of expectation, and thou like to proue to thy Father, as Helen did to Priam: Pea, be sure of this (quoth she) if this Heathen Tiger proue ayre: for what pittie is to be looked for of such deuouring Fathers, as haue neither pittie nor piety? Oh well might my worthy Father haue done, to haue giuen mee into the hands of this tyrannizing Tyrant, rather then to hazard his estate, crowne and dignity for me unworthy gyde: as shee was thus in the depth of her plants, one of the Watchmen of the Tower hauing espied the Poast, knocked at the doore, declaring there was a Messenger came galloping from to-
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wards the Campe in all hast, and that he was already within lesse then a mile: these tidings made the Quene and all her Ladies quickly to arise to heare the newes that might reioyce their hearts: or else the sad report of theyr calamity and future misery. And being come down the Post entered into the Hall, and hauing done his obeysance, the Quene commaunded him to declare his message, which God grant (quoth she) it be good it is so much desired.

Renowned Quene (quoth he) I am not that blacke tell-tale of euill misfortunes, but bring you tidings of our good successe, and your happy deliuerance: know then in brieft (quoth he) that the Pagans are put to flight, the great Turke himselfe taken prisoner, and more then a hundred thousand of them lye weltering in their owne blood. Then fell he to discoursing from point to point, from the beginning to the ending, of all euent's happned in that battell. How they were almost discomfited, and how the valiancy of one Dorosa was the onely meanes to encrease their courage: how the king was euerthroned and likewise the Prince Feraro, by the Giant Mordaco, and how Dorosa sent the soule of that mischieuous monster to attend vpon Pluto in his kingdome of darknesse, and how he horsed againe the Prince, and rescued the king in despire of the damned rout.

Now assuredly we need not doubt how great delight these rare reports bred in the hearts of all those worthy Ladies, seeing they so nighly appertained to their safety: With this the Quene rose vp, and taking the messenger by the hand, gaue him great thanks for his glad some message: then turning to her daughter and Ladies, saide vnto them, how, or in what maner shall we be able to requite the vnspcakable desert of that famous Dorosa? With this she hauing commended her selfe by salutations to the king, pulled the chaine from off her necke, and sent it to Dorosa, saying, giue this to that renowned youth

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youth, with hearty thanks from me, and all these Ladies here present for his faithfull seruice, and valorous actions in this cruell warres. With this the beautifull Albina, whose heart was almost rautied with the rare reports of this exquisite Partialist, rose vp, and with a pleasant demeanour, pulled off a rich Diamond, which hung on a little chaine about her wrist, and gaue it to the messenger, saying, seeing these warres so nighly concerne my selfe, I should seeme very ingratefull if I should send nothing vnto that worthy Dorosa, in signe with what thankfulness we receiue this most honorable seruice at his hands, and tell him from me, I will be as readie to requite his deserts to the vttermost of my power, as he was for ward with the hazard of his life to purchase vs liberty. With this, all the Ladies applauding this happy victorie, euery one of them sent one Jewell or other to that fortunate Aragonian.

The Post thus hauing his charge, and being bountifullly rewarded for his paines, with all expedition returned toward the Campe, leauing the Ladies in all possible content. The messenger being come againe to the Armie, declared to the king with what joy these newes were excepted at the Court, and hauing left no point of his commaunds vnbreached, he went vnto Feraro and Dorosa, betwene whom was now entred such a league of amity as continued vntill death, as you shall heare hereafter. The messenger hauing saluted the Prince, turned toward Dorosa, declaring the commendations and thanks they all in generall had giuen him in charge. With this he deliuered the Chaine and Diamond, which the Quene and her daughter had sent, with all the Jewels of the rest of the Ladies: which when Dorosa beheld, he thought himselfe happy that he was deputed worthy to receiue such excellent fauours from those exquisite Ladies, but especially of Albina. And taking the Chaine & Diamond which she had sent, put it about his wrist, resolving

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in his minde neuer to depart from the same during his life, inwardly bowing himselfe the loyall servant of that pererlesse Paragon.

While he was in this determination, the King having taken order for the prisoners ransomes, and decided the spoyle, the greatest part whereof was attributed unto Dorosa, which was not so frankly given, but hee as freely bestowed it againe among other of the souldiers, which wone him no small good will of all the common and inferior sort. The rancome of the great Turke was set at seauen thousand thousand pounds: all which the King offered to bestow vpon Dorosa, but Dorosa answered, hee desired no greater wealth then his fauour therefore most dread Soueraigne (quoth he) bestow this huge masse of money vpon some other person, who you shall thinke meet, and were my opinion authenticall, seeing the Turke contrary to your good will and liking, desired your daughter to wife, and for this cause made these forcible intrusions, he with his treasure should make her such a substance as were sufficient for to ioyne her with the greatest Monarch on the earth. The King highly thanked Dorosa for this aduice, and presently ordayned that his daughter should haue all the Turkes rancome for her dowrie.

This done, and the Souldiours dismissed, they all took their iourney toward the Court, every one applauding the happinesse of this victorie; thus clipping Times wings with the tediousnesse of their talke, within two dayes they were come within tenne miles of the Court: which the Quene hearing, set forth with the faire Albina, and all her Princely trains of Ladies to meete them, all clad in their most costly robes, in signe of ioy and gladnesse for this so obtained victorie: they met all together within three miles of the Palace, in a pleasant vale called the vale of delight, where the King seeing them, with the rest of the Nobles, they all alighted off their horses. The Quene likewise with her Daughter and Ladies,

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issued out of their severall Coaches, Albina being clothed in a kirtle of white damaske, all diapred with branches of silver, her Colone of purple coloured velvet, curiously embroidered with rich knobs of gold, the sleeves thereof all set with Emeraulds of most rich & costly price: the tresses of her haire like the golden threds of Diana, lay out from vnder a silver Caule, as though Loue had there laid in ambush; vpon her head she did weare a garland set round with Diamonds, Rubies, Carbuncles, and many rich pearles and precious stones of all sorts: about her lilly necke shee did weare a sumptuous Chaine, in middes whereof, betwene the snow white ozbes of her breasts, hung downe a rich Carbuncle, by Art, still gracing Nature, her eyes like the starres of Ariadne, or the beames of the Sunne, reflecting vpon a rocke of Chystal, pleading pittie in the heart of euery man, which beheld this beauntious object, the most golden Planet of her age, triumphed faire, in whom fairenesse onely triumphed.

This Paragon was no sooner presented to the view of Dorosa, in whose bowels Honour late all this while twining her golden tresses, but that the Idea of her perfections, were so lodged in his heart, that he sweare to himselfe, all they which made reports of her beauty, were but partiall in their praises, in that they were not halfe sufficient to counteruaile her excellencie.

Dorosa standing thus, dreaming as if he had built Castles in the ayre, was shaken out of his dumps, as you shall presently heare. The King and Quene having saluted and embraced each other, the Quene made toward Dorosa, which Feraro seeing, laid his hand vpon his shoulder, saying; see deare friend where the Quene cometh, which Dorosa hearing, with a blushing countenance, as he were chidden by him for his oblivion, stepped toward her, and falling downe vpon his knee, offered to kisse her hand, which she graciously permitted: by this time the Princesse Albina having done her dutie to the king her

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Father, and he embracing her lovingly in his armes, looking after her Mother, espied Dorosa, and fixing her eye steadfastly upon him (the tyrant Love now minding to aggravate her amours) the more admired his beauty, then before the report of his valour. Then grew she dumbe, with admiring, then sighing because she was dumbe, blushing to heare her selfe sigh, and then againe grew pale, fearing least her blushing, dumbnesse, and sighing, should of any other be perceived then of her owne heart. After her warre of thoughts had taken some truce, the King noting all this while the suddaine mutations of her complexion, demaunded what griping griefe gauled her at the heart, or what extremitie of passions braue him into these extraordinarie alterations. And to minister some receipt of comfort in her bitter agonie, he tolde her he had (at the request of Dorosa) bestowed on her the Turkes ranlome, which was so great, as her dowrie should be sufficient to match with the most mighty King or Emperour in all Christendome: which the Princesse hearing, wished that Dorosa might be that Emperour, which should enjoy both her and that great dowrie. These speeches being ended, the King wished his daughter to be thankfull to that happy Dorosa, who was now not onely a second Father unto her, but euen unto himselfe, yea and euen the generall god of all Hungaria. At this command Albina went toward this worthy Aragonian, who seeing her come, stood as one with a flea in his eare, or as one with the Gorgons head transformed into a stone, gazing upon her face with such a curious surruew, that caused Albina with a blush to infuse such a vermillion die in her snow white face, as farre surpassed that of Luna, when she kissed the Shepheard Endimion on the hill of Latmos; which Dorosa seeing, as a man newly waked out of some swete slumber, with a gracious demeanour fell downe upon his knee, offering in like manner to kisse her hand: but the Princesse taking him by the arme, bit-

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red these speeches. Worthie knight arise, for ill it becometh the flower of all Chivalry, and most excellent by desert, to knale to so simple a Lady as my selfe, rather let me prostrate my selfe at your fete, acknowledging your worthinesse to be the onely supporter of my life, unto whom I shall neuer be able to yeld sufficient requitall: Dorosa, so farre as a maydens power may extend, assure your selfe I will be alwaies forward to further your good, which I hope shall be sufficient to breede in you content, though nothing answerable to your great desert, for ultra posson esse. And this I say, presume that I will perforce, and wherein I want, I doubt not but my Father will be readie to supply. Dorosa smiling in his heart the extreamest of Loves martir dome, these gracious salutations were but as torments to encrease his passions and woes that further renewed his wounds, with a steadfast countenance, as one building his fortune in her eyes, breathing out a sigh, and staying his face with a comely blush, replied in this manner.

Diuine Princesse, seeing it pleaseth you to attribute such praise to so small atchieued victories, and to proesse such future friendship for so slender a demerit, you haue not onely giuen me such a reward as may surfeit me with content, but bound me your most dutifull seruant, untill the latestt periede of my life. And were my desert much, as it is scarce worthy to be named, one friendly looke from so requisite a Lady as your selfe, might be esteemed a sufficient guerdon for the same. Longer had Dorosa continued his gratulations, but by this time the King was againe mounted on his Palfrey, and the Quene getting vp into her Coach, which forced them to breake off the party, and with a louely signe glauncing from their eyes, toke a congie to their talke for a time. So soon as they were come to the Kings Palace, where all things were prepared for a most rich and costly supper, to refresh themselves with their Princely Dainties after their late trauels,

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The Table being couered, every one was placed according to his worthinesse, Dorosa this night was placed next unto the Kings Highnesse, over against him the Duke of Pozena, and by him the Countie of Lorraine, and so forth, every one of the Nobles in their order at a square Table, over against them sate the Quene and her Ladies. But Dorosa all this supper time was so busie in contemplating his most glorious object (the Princesse Albina, who was seated over against him) that he fed with a slender appetite, verisifying the olde proverbe, *Vbi animus, ibi oculus*, leauelling the arrowes of his eyes at the butts of her beauty, in such sort, as if she had bene the arttike point, and they the *paedle*, drawne by the attractive vertue of the Adamant, neuer able to turne untill they failed by variation, they alone did the office of the tongue and hand, as trusty Secretaries and faithfull Messengers of the effects of the minde, often blushing, and againe mingling his outward blushing with inward sighing, and sighing, became dumbe, for feare least his looks too publique a tell-tale of his loue, should be perceined of any other then of her, whom so much he desired. Albina on the other side was not idle in her thoughts, though fearefulnesse caused her to couer her loue in more secret manner: for Venus boy had giuen them such a touch with one venomous arrow, that they might both say with Ouid, *Amor nullis medicabilis herbis*, neither was it possible for either of them to be cured, but by the water which flowed from the fountaine, from whence they received their disease.

Supper being ended, diuers kindes of strange Musick came in, which being come, sundry of the Nobles betooke themselves to dance the *Peasures*. The Duke of Pozena, bearing an intire affection vnto the Princesse, took her by the hand, and requested her to daunce: but she excusing her selfe, answered she was not well, for she felt some griping at her heart, by reason whereof she could not performe

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some his request: and further she feared much stirring would hurt his yet uncured and dangerous wounds. The Prince Feraro seeing this called for a galliard, which when he had well performed, he earnestly requested his friend Dorosa to doe the like, which he at his entreaty presently undertooke, performing it with such maiesty and grace, that all protested he was not lesse active in those pastimes, then valorous and resolute in the warres, & that he was a fit Courtier for Venus, as a Combattant for Mars. Albina hauing al this while oueriewed the sports, feeling the heate of her new kindled amorous fire to increase, craving leave to depart, and bidding them all good night, she with her Ladies went vnto her bed-chamber, where she being disrobed thinking to beguile these new conceined passions with some quiet and sweet contented slumbers, she accounting Loe a toy, and *ffancie* a momentary passion, and perswading her selfe that as the one was taken in with a gaze, so the other would be easily shaken off with a way, thus imagining her conceits would haue rockt her a slape, she quickly betooke her selfe to her rest, commanding straightly that no noyse should be made. But now when she began to sleepe, straight wayes the lovely personage of Dorosa was presented vnto her, and when she awaked, she could thinke of nothing but his valour, and thus between sleeping and waking she still was dreaming of his exquisite parts and his most perfect and rare perfections.

Being thus troubled in her thoughts, tormented at the heart, and distempred in her bzaines, she raising her selfe in her bedde, and leaning her head on her hand, and perceiving her maides were all fast asleepe, she fell into these tearmes: Ah Albina, what strange and extraordinary passions are these that thus chalenge interest in thy hart? or what vnaccustomed torments do thus afflict thy mind? or what is it that thus imperiously tirāizeth in the pure virgin and harmlesse bzaist, and bereaueth thee of thy wonted

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wonted quiet rest: poore soule, what strange fire dost thou endure, burning like Etna within, and how dost thou nourish the same, and Salamander like livest therein: Oh Albina, thou with earnest gazing against the Sunne art become blinde, by staring at the starres hast stumbled on the stones, and by thinking to sip of Love, hast already drunken at once so large a draught, that thou art wholly drunken with the venome of his drugs. Fond girl, why dost thou posse the worth of his valour, at the price of thy life: or take in that at the rise which consumeth the whole body: Cur aliquid vidi, cur noxia lumina feci? Thou hast coued Albina beyond the Shone, and if thou yeld to these passions, shalt let thy barke saile beyond the most honorable point of thy compasse. And wherein fond Wench: but euen in the tempestuous sea of Love, ready if thou shunne Syxtes, to sinke into Symphiagades, amidst the Rocks, betwixt Scilla and Charibdis, thy boate being guided by such a Pilot as delighteth only in the shipwreck of them he carrieth: And on whom fond soule hast thou fixed thy fancie: on a stranger, what though valiant: yet thy fathers vassalle, and although beautifull, yet of base birth and kindred. Wilt thou fond wench settle thy selfe to Francis, and forgetting thy estate, the honour of thy race, and thy fathers care, come to the Lure without calling: yea, and neglecting the offer of mighty things, dole on one of so meane parentage and calling. Why if thou intend to loue, yet loue one of thine owne Country, and yeld to the request of that honourable and right worthy man the Duke of Bozenna, of whose loyaltie thou hast had long experience. Tush baine wench, why dost thou thinke to yeld thy loue to either of them: no, forget these amours, settle thy selfe to thy rest, and arise early and fall to thy Needle, Otiam si tollas periere cupidinis arcus. When Albina, thinke no more of Dorosa, his beauty or valiancie: yea, and if thou canst not quench the coales of desire with forgetfulness, yet rake them by in the ashes of modesty:

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modesty: carrie two faces vnder one Hood, couer thy flaming fancie with a fained shew, beare a painted sheath with a leaden dagger, and a merrie countenance, though a melancholly minde: and of all thy Fathers knights, esteem Dorosa the least, yea, and so much the lesse as he is the latest. With this taking forth her Lute which lay at her beds head, she warbled forth this Dittie.

ALL this night
By his might,
Loue hath made my heart his Cell;
Venus ioy,
Wanton boy
From mine eyes did rest expell.

Wanton sports,
Wily ports,
Slipperie flights, and foolish loue,
His intent
To inuent
How to catch the simple Doue.

Blinded boy,
Venus ioy,
All thy Godhead is a toy,
Power small,
To enthrall,
Or to worke my hearts annoy.

I haue right
Armour bright.
Compound of rare chastitie:
This I say,
Night and day,
Shall withstand thy Deitie.

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Then pack hence,
Hie thee hence,
Or with Nettles Ile thee whip:
For thy sinne,
Thou shalt winne
Scourges that will make thee skip,
Scourges that will make thee skip.

Thus having finished her Obed, shee returned her selfe againe in her bed, and betooke her selfe to her numbers, fully intending by the bydle of reason to master her affections, as indeede she did for a time. Now on the other side, Dorosa who was further pricked with the extremity of his passions, having taken his congie of the company, and being entred into his chamber, fell into these complaints; Unfortunate Dorosa, hast thou escaped from the furie of these horrible warres, and in them, gained fame for thy valour, and hast now received such a wound by beauty, that it must cost thee thy life? Fond Dorosa, hath Leue shot his wounding arrowe, so that the wound is altogether mortall? and with whom art thou in love? with no lesse person then Albina, a Princess by birth, exteriorly beautified with the gifts of nature, and inwardly adorned with divine perfections? Fond soles, hast thou not read, that Bucephalus will stoupe to none but to Alexander: Mercurius Pipe will be tuned of none but Orpheus, nor such great Ladies be courted of any but of great Lords? What Dorosa, canst not thou not see the Sonne, but with the foolish Eagle thou sakest to build thy nest therein, and so burne out thine eyes with that proud lust? Yet Dorosa, what if Albina be a Kings daughter, art not thou likewise the Sonne of that late renowned Fragoza? and what if she be beautifull, hath not nature endued thee with the like perfections? Ah Dorosa, but though thou hadst a mighty Father, thou art but a feeble Sonne, banished from thy lands, from thy

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Country and kindred by an unkinde brother: leave then these tearmes, least as the bird Celos wandring from her nest, cannot returne through forgetfulness, and for ever after abandoneth company: so thou by remembzing what thou hast bene, forgettest what thou art, and by an aspiring minde seeking to clime, catchest such a fall, that thou lovest thy new friend with thy olde. When Dorosa, sake to allay thy assaulting passions with wholesome meditations: and first, thinke with thy selfe what hath allured thee to love, her wealth, her wit, or her beauty, her behaviour, or her brauerie: if her wealth, contemne riches, and learne to be wise, and with Pythagoras despise that good, which with liberality is wasted and lost, and by sparing doe rust and rot: if she be witty, why, the more witty the more wanton, for women hold this Apome for authentical, to be witty and not wanton, is precisenesse. And hath her beauty allured thee? truly Dorosa, the freshest colour soonest fade, the golden Apple is most infected at the coare, and the fine Cambryck sooner stayned then the coarse Canuass. Dianira was faire, yet her zealousie the destruction of the most mighty Hercules: none more beautifull then Hellen, yet her unconscience the overthrow of kingdomes: and Angelica was of a most pure complexion, yet so proud, as by the over-wearing of her selfe she contemned all men. Thinke Dorosa, that forma numen habet, was rather the saying of a soles then the sentence of a Philosopher: for the Chest-nut Tree bringeth forth the soft sweet Chest-nut out of the prickly and hard huske: the stone Galactides, though it be blacke in shew, yet being broken, it produceth matter more white then milke, and the foulest Wood hath the most precious stone in his head. And as for beauty of it selfe, it fadeth with the Winters blast, and is parched with the Summers Sunne, every winde is ready to deface it, and the least scarre is ready to ruinate the same, which if it escape, yet it hath his date.

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Forma bonum fragile est, quantumq; accedit ad annos:
fit minor & spacie carpitur ipse suo.

And what then Dorosa hath enticed thee: her bzaucry.
Why, the Critich hath faire feathers but ranke flesh.
In painted pots is hid the most deadly popson: and gay
attired women are like the Crimine, whose skinne is de-
sired, but whose carthasse despised. Women Dorosa are
extreame in all extreamities, Est in eis pietas Crocodili
astucia Hienæ. Then if thou pretendest to loue, thinke to
how many importunities thou offsettest thy selfe. The
mozthis Emperour Marcus saith: If a man loue them
not, they account him a villaine; if he loue them, they
thinke him light: if he leaue them, they repnte him a co-
ward: if he follow them, he is lost: if he serue them, he
is not regarded: if he serue them not, he is hated of them.
In another place he saith, they take so off the bit in the
teeth, that in doing euill there is no bidle can restraîne
them, and so slow to doe well, that no spurre can pricke
them so2ward: they are lovely by nature, but becommeth
Serpents by malice: they are constant in nothing but in
inconstancie, Cast est quam nemo rogauit. And as a late
Auziter saith,

Vult dare sed cupiens, simplex & honesta videri:

Denegat & pugnat, sed vult super omnia vinci:

And Socrates saith, women are moze malicious then a
serpent, moze enuious then a Wyant, and moze deceitfull
then the Diuell. All venomous beasts haue not so much
popson in their tails, as they haue in their tongues: they
are mala necessaria: yea, and to conclude, though they
were made of the perfections of men, to be comforters,
they haue taken of the infection of the serpent, and are al-
together become co2sines. What Dorosa, wilt thou be-
come some biting Satirist, that thou art thus enuious
against their sexe, haddest thou not thy being from one of
them: is it not an euill bird that will pick at his dammes
eyes? Fond wile, keepe a Watch before the doze, let not thy

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thy tongue runne befoze thy wit: was there not as well
a chaste Lucrecia, as a wanton Lais: as well a pure
Electra, as a prodigious Pasiphae: as well a kinde Al-
ceste, as an vnconstant Cresside: as well an honourable
Penelope, as an vn honest Helen, and as well a deuout
Iudith, as a wicked Iezabell? Doe not then Dorosa, ap-
proue the opinion of so few men, neither inferre a generall
conclusion vpon a particular proposition: so2 as the earth
bringeth forth both the Wee to giue hony: and the Spider
to yeild popson: so are there some women as vertuous as
any were vicious, and then thinke Dorosa, if any be en-
dued with vertue, Albina is vertuous, yea, honour Al-
bina, fauour Albina, serue and loue Albina, yet so, that
thou make not thy selfe slaue vnto Cupid, no2 bowed ser-
uant vnto Venus. Dorosa hauing thus pacified himselfe,
leaning his head downe, fell into a slumber.

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How Dorosa and Albina continued in loue each to other,
and neither of them durst disclose it to the other, and
how Albina was imprisoned, through the false accu-
sations of Mardeno Duke of Porenno, and what after
happened.



Sooner had Phœbus bailed the cur-
taine of the night, but these two Lo-
uers purposing to burte their loue
with forgetfulness, betooke themselves
to their labours. Dorosa to the chase
among the Nobles, Albina to her
pædie among the Ladies, hee being
out of hope of obtaining, and shee bowing faultinesse in
her election, affirming, that as hee which shooteth a pellet
of dust, hurteth him that he hitteth, and blindeth him that

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stands next: so an euill choise is the destruction of y^e choller, the sorrow of her friends, & the reioycing of her enemies.

Thus continued they hiding the flames of their loue, in the cinders of their breasts, for the space of one whole yeare. Dorosa all this while encreasing in the Kings fauour, and generally beloved of all the Nobles in the Court, one onely excepted, as you shall presently heare. Mordeno the Duke of Pozenna, broiling in the heat of his affection toward Albina, and oppressed with the fury of iealousie against Dorosa, fearing him to be his cozinal in his loues. Upon this suspicion, I say, Mordeno fell in extreme hatred toward this worthy Aragonian, and hauing already solicited his sute, and finding the hope of his Vintage, nipt with the frost of deniall (for in truth although Albina covered her coales of Fancie with sained ashes, yet could she loue none but Dorosa, in that she found not any his equall.) Mordeno seeing this, was fully perswaded that Dorosa was the only man that made his desires soyt to so bedected. Thus ruminating on his melancholy passions, and raging in these fits of iealousie, he pretended to cut the grasse from vnder his sute, and leaue he should rob him of his Loue, he intended by treason to bereaue him of his life. Thus continued the pad hidden in the straw for the space of halfe a yeare. Mordeno finding no meanes to intrap Dorosa within his snares of enuie. Now it chanced one euening, as Dorosa was walking in an Arbour, adioyning to one of the Gardens of the Kings Palace. The Princeesse Albina thinking to refresh her selfe with the coolenesse of the aire, took a couple of her Damosels, and walked into the Garden, where they were no sooner entred, but they espied Dorosa in the Arbour. The Princeesse seated her selfe vpon a pleasant barke of Camomile, and commanded one of her Damosels to take her Lute and play, that they might as well refresh their eares with musicke, as they did their senses with those odoriferous hearbs, and glugged their eyes

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eyes with beholding the curious colours of Sommers pride, so diapted with Floras riches.

Dorosa seeing this, stood for a while viewing the face of Albina, whom he had now not seene for the space of thre weekes, which seemed so glorious, as he feared with Acteon to be surprisid with her beaultie: while hee thus stood, as coales raked vp in the imbers will at last breake out into a flame, so Loue renewed such a fresh assault, that he stood gazing, not able any way to reuolue himselfe: but gathering his senses together, and perceiving he was already espied, thinking this would be noted for his misdeemeanour, pluckt vp his spirits, and passed towards the Princeesse, and being come nigh, saluted her in this wise: *Diuine Mistresse*, if I seemed negligent in my duty, or slacke in salutations toward your Person, I humbly craue pardon, which I hope will be the easier obtained, and you the more willing to excuse my folly, by measuring the cause of the offence: seeing the attracting power of your beauty had so surprisid my senses, that doubting with the *Troiane Boy* on the mount Ida, I had seene the beautifull Venus, striving to obtaine the sentence of her excellency, and for my ouermuch gazing should haue bene metamorphosed by some celestiall Deitie. And eyther with *Arcas* haue made subiect to the bow of her Sonne *Perseus*, or being transformed with *Acteon*, should haue soythwith become a pray to the implacable Curs.

Dorosa hauing vttered these speeches, the Princeesse painting her face with a Vermillion dye, replied in this manner: *Sit* Dorosa, pardon ought alwaies to be granted where the offender hath already besetued forgiveness: but where no offence hath bene committed it is so much the easier granted. But as for your standing so long silent, it is rather to be thought that you were ruminating of some melancholy passion, then so idle as to stand so long looking on her that is neither worthy a looke, nor worthy of

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of loue. But as for your feare of being transſormed; if Acteon had bene ſo perfect of exterior lineaments, and indued with ſuch inward valour, the Goddeſſe (no doubt) would haue bene more pittifull, then to haue giuen ſo ſharpe a dome for ſo ſmall an offence. But had I power to metamorphiſe, though I did not change your ſhape, yet would I alter your words, in that they ſauour ſo much of flatterie: which were they ſpoken in ielt, deſerued anger in earneſt; and were they uttered in earneſt, well might I laugh at your folly: but ſeing you are thus luckily arriued in our company, the better to burie thoſe former follies in oblivion, leaſt our ſharpe quips ſhould conuert Melancholy into Choler, let me heare your cunning on the Lute, and taking him by the hand, requested him to ſit downe, then taking the Inſtrument from her Damoſell, gaue it to Dorofa. Hee that from his youth had much delighted in that kinde of Muſicke, with a pleaſant touch and rare voyce ſung and played this Dittie:

Fly franticke thoughts which ſo torment
The Louers heart, whoſe eyes beſprent
And cheekes bedewde with briniſh teares:
For little hope, great heapes of feares,
In Loue remaine a world of cares.

My Fancies like doth looke ſo high,
That in deſpaire my minde doth dye.
Thoughts, ſighes, and teares, and endleſſe grieve
On Loue attend, as hand-maides chiefe,
At beauties barre pleading reliefe.

Cupid triumpheth at my harmes,
Venus hath wrapt me in her charmes:
The Deſtinies aſſigne my woe,
Fortune preſents ger cloudy browe,
And all conſpire my ouerthrow.

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Then farewell life, adiew my ioy,
And welcome Death to end annoy:
No life but loue, no loue, no life:
Come Attapos, with ſarall knife,
For loue or death muſt end this ſtrife.

This Sonnet being ended (quoth Albina) if you floate ſo farre in the Sea of Loue, beware leaſt you bring your Boat to the gulfe of diſpaire, for diſpaire in loue is worſer then death, but ſince it ſhould ſeeme that loue hath made you paſſionate, and that you are ſalne into the Labozinth of affection, let me but heare how cunningly you can deſcribe your Miſtreſſes excellencie? Dorofa being loath to offend; and further, willing his Lady ſhould ſee the ſharpeſſe of his wit, drawing forth a pocket Inkhorne, he wrote theſe words following:

Her eyes, faire eyes, like Phœbus rayes doe ſhine,
Reſlecting on a rock of Chriſtall cleare:
Her haire more faire then faireſt golden twine,
Surpaſſing farre Dianæ ſacred wire,
Faire haire, more faire then faireſt golden ſpangle,
Faire Sunne-bright eyes which freeſt hearts entangle.

A ſnowie face grac't with Auroraes Die,
Like Lillies pure in middes bemixt with Roſes,
Her pearly teeth like burniſht Iuorie,
Two rubie lips theſe rowes of pearle encloſes:
Faire Lilly cheekes with Roſes all bedied:
Faire rowes of pearle, in rubie red contriued.

Her breasts two orbes Swan-like, encreasing pleaſure,
Pure, cleare, cleane, ſoft, round, ſmooth, faire, marble,
Well im'd, ſmal bodied, ſtrait, an earthly treaſure, (white
By Natures Art, and all the Graces dight,

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Faire face and breasts where loue can neuer die,
Surpassing Art and natures Deitie.

A perfect pattenne of perfections rare:
A Peerelesse Nymph, a Virgin of great price:
A Paragon beyond all earths compare:
A day bright starre vnto my mortall eyes:
Venus her selfe to her might subiect be,
And Pallas eke for wit and modestie,

The Princesse hauing perused these lines. inwardly smiling at his conceits amours, yet fearesfull least hee had planted his loue in another soile; laying her milke-white hand vpon his arme, proceeded in these termes. Surely Dorosa, if the Saint you thus zealously serue be of such rare conditions, as you describe (as such a one may well be looked for) but neuer sene the disposition of her minde, being as you affirme equall to the composition of her body, there cannot be but pittie to redresse your passions, otherwise in stead of a Saint I must name her a Serpent, comparing her beauteous face to the Panther, and her false ingeny to the alluring Sirenes: But were I acquainted with your Distresse, I would peraduenture procure release of your martirdome, and wish her to excellaine you, not for her seruant, but for her Lord and husband. And please it you (quoth she) to manifest your minde, I will further your sute so farre as either entreatie can preuaile or authority command, which I hope will be sufficient, if she be within any of the dominions of the King my Father. These words were spoken of Albina with so many changes of colour, first blushing, least her loue should be perceived of her Damosels, then waxing pale, fearing least he should promise that to another, when in dependance the hope of her owne health, changing white into red, so often, as Dorosa well perceived that loue had giuen them an equall touch: with this rising forth from their seats, and walking in the Alley, Dorosa thinking to

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Strike while the iron was hote, replied in this manner: then Madame, the Lady being in your Fathers Court, if I challenge your promise, you will not be slack in performance. Albina perceiuing how he went about the busines, fearing least she should seeme too forward, interrupting his talke, said one onely excepted: nay (quoth Dorosa) it is ouer-late to talke of exceptions when the covenants are already sealed, and with that, taking her by the hand, perforce kissed the same. Albina counter-setting a frown, to be ready to haue made further answer, but prevented, as you shall heare. Mordeno hauing these iealous imaginations in his mind, kept wholly at the Court, watching more warily then euer did Argos ouer the daughter of Inachus, and perceiuing the Princesse to be walked into the garden, presently repaired thither, preforming of opportunity lent him a fauourable aspect, to lay a new siege to her fortress, or at the least, to make his eyes the scout, least any other should sound the alarm contrary to his liking. And coming into the garden, & finding there the most mistrusted, as a iealous brain is euer ready to iudge corruptibly, presently concluded that Dorosa had entred a point in these Tables wherein he wisht to make his chiefest sport, & so had played false play with the Kings daughter: with this parrish conceit, he was so nipt on the head, that for a good space he stood as if with Lots wife he had bin turned into a pillar of salt: which Albina noting, & being very merily disposed, began to iest with him in this manner. How now my Lord, what are you in a browne study? or in a dreme? are you surying who shall be your second wife, or who the father to your first child, or what attie you shall put on to win your Ladies love? a penay for your thought my Lord, quoth she.

Mordeno construing every thing from good to bad, and from euill to worse, tooke small delight to heare her thus pleasant, and lesse to see Dorosa in her company, thinking them to haue clapt hands, before there was any word spoken of a bargaine. Thus dreaming Dorosa to be the man

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as our English Proverbe is, that wipt away all the fat from his beard, holding himselfe to be as welcome into their company as water into a new Ship (as whether he was or no it is doubtfull.) In this melancholy dumpe, as if the wormes had eaten his Haruest, or the frost killed all his Grapes, in the bud, with a face full of discontent, without making any answer, hee turned his backe and departed. This drove them all into such an admiration, as they knew not what to thinke: but at the last Albina, calling to minde his former sute, quickly found where his thome wasung him, supposing that it was some disparaging thought, or rather some iealous supposition which he conceived by her talking with Dorosa. But whatsoever it was, it afterwards had a hard sequell, as you shall heare. The Evening being come vpon them, with some short speeches past concerning his discourteous behaviour, euery one iudging him to haue euill and malicious imaginations in his minde, and all of them condemning his ill demeanour to that honourable company, and none of them regarding his frownes in that all of them knew they were on cleare ground. Thus hauing spent their iudgements, and it growing late, Dorosa taking his leaue of Albina and her Ladies, they all departed into their severall and private chambers, where we will leaue them slumbring safely in content, untill croffe Fortune present them with a new and mournefull tragedie, for they shall both be lodged in stronger chambers very shortly.

Mordeno departing silently as you heard, entred into his chamber, where broyling in the heate of his iealous furie, cast himselfe vpon his bed: and although iealousie proceeds of loue, yet it produceth wicked and hatefull effects: for Mordeno being now past all hope of obtayning her leue, determined since he could not haue the fruition of her loue, to worke the end offaire Albina and worthy Dorosa by his hatred. Thus mustering a whole legion of diuellish and mischievous conceits, pleading them in his troubled

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troubled braine, allowing Iealousie both for Iudge andurie, hee set downe this for a peremptory sentence, to accuse and charge Dorosa and Albina that they had committed uncleannesse together, and that they had defiled the Kings court by their fornication. This deuise pleased him well, and so fitted his humour that the next morning early hee calling for one of his attendants, one that hee well knew was apt to execute any villanous treacherie that hee plotted: to this lewd companion he vnburthened all his conceived venome, promising him many rewards, if he would take his oath with him that they two had sowne Dorosa and Albina euen in the act of fornication. This hellish & damnable Atheist was sone brought to his lure, bowing such seccerie in effecting this their wicked action, as hee could either wish or desire. Having thus laide his plot, he waited diligently for the comming downe of the King, which was not long after. Mordeno espying the King, came presently before him, hauing a mappe of discontent figured in his forehead, and doing reuerence according to his vsuall manner, immediately vpon his knees began his accusation after this manner.

Dread Soueraigne, such inward grieife galleth my heart, in that abuse hath bene profered in your Court, by them that are sottened in the same, yea, and by him whose abilitie consisteth onely in your royall fauour, which to reueale causeth the brinish teares to fall from mine eyes, and to conceale forceth the bloud to fall from my grieued hart. But so high is the cause concerning the renoune of your worthinesse, and so odious is the fault in the eyes of all good men, and none hauing power to reuenge but your selfe, and none being able to redresse the abuses but your gracious person, who by cutting off the abuser, shall also cut off the fruit with the tree, and burie the ignominy of your house in forgetfulness, and reape to your selfe endless fame, for so due administration of Justice and Equitie. The King hearing this long preamble, being driven into

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a maie with the strangenesse of his speeches commanded him to reveale the matter.

Then Mordeno proceeded in this manner, worthy and renowned King, I am not ignorant, neither is it unknowne to any of your Court or country, with what gracious benivolence you have alwaies requited, yea, and how beyond all common manner you have preferred that unknowne Dorosa, from a poore servant to one of your subjects, to be a knight able to keepe many servants better then himselfe, and of a peasant by birth, to make him fellow to Princes in dignity: this I say my Lord, in that he forgetting these princely favours, and neglecting the dutie of a subject by his pride hath attempted the brightnesse of your familie, yea not onely attempted, but hath brought a blot of infamie upon the bloud Royal and whole Court of Hungaria, such hath bene the force of his lasciviousnes formed with his over boldnes and impudency, that he hath dishonoured and defiled your house with most shamefull fornication, yea, and that with her which to remember is more bitter unto my soule then bitterness it self, I meane most worthy King, with your daughter Albina: this hath not onely bene suspected by the Nobles of your Court, but also divers haue sought to put the same into my head, which by reason of their many vertues I wou'd not be induced to believe, untill mine eyes, the most faithfull witnesses of credulitie, made manifest the same by apparant view, not onely unto mee, which could rather haue bene content to haue raked up their misdemeanour, then by discovering the same to bring a reproach to your renowned house, but sundry of my servants haue sene, and with me did see the wanton dalliance between them, so that it is so far scattered abroad, as it is talke in the mouth of every inferiour person: and this my servant, quoth he, as well as I did see the same not yet full two daies since. Now I having declared the matter, according unto my dutifull allegiance, I commit the cause to your worthy consideration,

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of Fragoza, and his three Sonnes.

to afflict them with such punishment as the law hath provided for such malefactors.

The King having attended this discourse, was with griefe and anger so bered at the heart that hee stood for a long time with a pale countenance, not able to utter one word, at length coming to his senses, & allowing every word which Mordeno had spoken for a sentence, & every sentence for truth, being carried away with rage, vowed that both Dorosa and Albina should suffer death ere ten dayes past, as a iust guerdon for their offence, and such as the law had provided for such offenders: with this he called for his Guard, whom he commanded to take Dorosa & Albina, and to imprison him in a most darke and searefull Dungeon, and her in the most strong tower of all the Castle. These having their charge went straight unto the Chamber of Dorosa, whom they found not yet risen, him they laid hands on in his bed, and forced him to rise, certifying him that it was the Kings pleasure which hee had given them in most straight charge, that they should immediately convey him to the dungeon. If Dorosa were abashed at these sodaine tidings, let them iudge who living in delight, haue with a sodaine frowne of inconstant fortune, their boat, the onely hope of their safety, driven into such a gulfe of distresse: But they must needs goe whom the Diueltines, there is no chiefe where constraint both binde, they were all in armes, he naked, ne Hercules quidem contra duos, it boots not the Dove to strive after she is taken in the talents of the Faulcon. Dorosa hoping the best, fearing nothing, in that he knew himselfe guiltlesse in every thing, was content to indure imprisonment. Thus having done their charge, they fastened the dores with great bolts of iren, and left this famous Hungarian to run over his former fortunes, and to make the flinty stones recorders of his complaint, and returned to the Princesse Albina, to execute their mandatum in like sort.

Now

The first part of the famous History

Now being come to her chamber, they found her newly
wakened, accompanied with certaine of her Damofels,
they forthwith declared vnto her the effect of their com-
ming, with the strait charge that the King had giuen. Al-
bina was diuened into such a sudden alteration with this
vnerpected euent, as she seemed rather to dye, then to con-
tinue in that close custodie. But howsoeuer the world
went, to prison she must: thus did they carie that most
excellent Lady to the place appointed, excluding her from
all company, sauing one of her Damofels to attend vpon
her person: shee seeing her selfe fast locked within four
walles, settled her selfe downe, and in stead of plaints,
poured forth aboundance of teares, and with sighes ex-
choed her grieffe vnto the skies. In this sort sate Albina
a long time, not vttering any word: in this most sorrow-
full dumpe we will leaue her a while, and with this make
a conclusion to this first part part of our Historie,

which ere long shall be seconded with a full
conclusion, and end of storie in a se-
cond part, which with pati-
ence I intreat you to ex-
pect. Farewell.



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